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-- While the invention has been described in terms of various specific embodiments, those skilled in the art would recognize that the invention can be practiced with modification within the spirit and scope of the claims. Additionally, features illustrated or described as part of one embodiment can be used in another embodiment to provide yet another embodiment such that the features are not limited to the specific embodiments described hereinabove. Thus, it is intended that the present invention cover all such embodiments and variations as long as such embodiments and variations come within the scope of the appended claims and their equivalents.--

Please replace the sub-heading on page 12, line 3, with the following sub-heading:

--ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 4 and ending on page 12, line 15, with the following paragraph:

-- A cryptographic device comprises a data stream interceptor, a main controller receiving input from the data stream interceptor, and a pair of data generating and storage controllers adapted to perform data transfer protocols with corresponding peer controllers of a data generating device and a data storage device, respectively, on command from the main controller. The cryptographic device further comprises a cipher engine programmed to transparently encrypt and decrypt data streams flowing between the data generating device and data storage device on command from the main controller. The cryptographic device does not utilize system resources associated with the data generating and storage devices during operation.--

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Applicant respectfully requests that Figure 1 be canceled in its entirety, as indicated in the Exhibit A, attached hereto. Exhibit A contains proposed drawing changes to Figures 1 – 5 in red ink pursuant to MPEP 608.02(t), 608.02(v).